MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*)

Year.	*Total cost.*
1114	Bh. Rs. 14,060-7-6.
1115	Bh. Rs. 7,246-3-6.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : May I know why there is this difference in the cost of uniforms between the years 1114 and 1115 ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : That is due to the number of uniforms issued in each year.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : എത്ര കൊല്ലത്തിലൊരിക്കലാണ് അവക്ക് യൂണിഫാറം സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : ചില ഇനങ്ങൾ രണ്ടുംമൂന്നും കൊല്ലത്തിലൊരിക്കൽ മാറും.

Rice got down by Government.

186. *MR. P. S. MUHAMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Willl the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of bags of rice got down by Government and the places where they were stocked and the quantity stored in each of the places ;

(*b*) the number of rice bags sold in each of the places ;

(*c*) the quantity of unsold bags left in each of these places ; and

(*d*) the average rate of price per bag of the rice mentioned above, at which the rice bags were sold in each of the places where they were stocked ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) to (*c*) *A statement containing the information is laid on the table.

(*d*) The selling price fixed is as follows :

1st quality—Bh. Rs.	8-5-0.	per bag of 156 lbs.
2nd quality—Bh. Rs.	8-4-0.	

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : May I know whether any market price is fixed ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : In the answer it is given Rs. 8-5-0 for the first quality and Rs. 8-4-0 for the second quality.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : That is the price at which Government sells them ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : I wish to know whether there is any market price fixed.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR No, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether Government have any information that rice is being sold at an enhanced rate at present ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Government have no information.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know whether any complaint with regard to this matter has been received by the Government ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : No, Sir.

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MR. P. S. MUHAMED : ആലപ്പുഴയിലെ ഫുഡ് കൺട്രോൾ കമ്മറി അവിടെ മിച്ചമുള്ള അരി ഇന്നത്തെ നിലയ്ക്കു വിറ്റുകളയരുതെന്നു ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : ആലപ്പുഴത്തന്നെ സാധുക്കളുടെ ആവശ്യത്തിനായി കുറെ അരി ആവശ്യമുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു മാത്രമാണു ഈ അരി ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നാണ് ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു.

Rice got down by Government.

187. * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of sacks of rice put up for sale by them :

(*b*) the number brought down here ; and

(*c*) whether all of them have been sold, and if so, the profit and loss on the sale ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) 1,76,628 sacks of 156 lbs. each.

(*b*) The question is not clear.

(*c*) The majority of the bags has been sold. The exact figures (profit and loss) could be ascertained only after the entire stock is sold out and the accounts closed.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the Government the number of sacks that remain unsold now ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I have no information.

Control system of selling salt

188. * MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to state when and for what purpose control system of selling salt was introduced in factories ;

(*b*) to lay on the table a copy of the Government order or circular regarding the control system ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : (*a*) The control system now in vogue was introduced on the 11th Vrischigom 1115.

The objects of the control system are the following :—

(1) To afford all the licensees equal chance of disposing of their salt.

(2) to enable all the licensees to sell a percentage of their stock every year ;

(3) to prevent underselling owing to unhealthy rivalry and competition ; and

(4) to prevent the selling of salt of later Panies (manufacturing seasons) when salt of earlier Panies is available and thus to enable the people to get mature salt free from impurities.

(*b*) A *copy of G. O. R. O. C. No. 2997/37/Devpt., dated the 23rd September 1939 on the subject is laid on the table.

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